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Visit to the field of Wau'ram •- Marshal Maedonald -  
 I'nion of the Papal States with the Empire — The battle  
 of Tahivera - Sir Arthur Wellesley  
 — English expedition to Holland —  
 Attempt to assassinate the Kmperor  
 at Sc!m<sup>k</sup>nbruim ~- Staps interrogated by Napoleon  
 .....Pardon offered  
 and  
 rejected— Fanatieism and patriotism— Corvisart's  
 examination of Staps  
 .....Second interrogatory -  
 Tirade against the illuminati  
 Areusation of  
 the courts of Berlin and Weimar - Firmness and  
 resignation of StapM.....  
 Particulars respecting hisdcath — Inllm-neeof the attempt  
 of Staps on the Conehision of pence — M. de Chautpa^ny.

NAPOLKOX went to inspect all the corps of his army  
 and tin; field of Wagram, which a, short time before  
 had been the,scene of one of those threat hat ties  
 in which victory was the more glorious in  
 proportion as it had been valiantly contested.<sup>1</sup> On  
 that, day the type of French honor, Macdnnald,  
 who, after aehievinir a succession of prodigies, led  
 the army of Italy into the heart of the Austrian  
 Slates, was made a marshal on the field of 1  
 uittlc. Napoleon said to him, <sup>kt</sup> With us i! is for life  
 and for death." The general opinion was that tin\*  
 elevation of Macdonald added less to the  
 marshal's military reputation than it redounded  
 to the honor of the Kmperor. Five days after the  
 bombardment of Vienna, namely, on the !7ih of May,  
 the Kmperor had published a, decree, by virtue of  
 which the Papal States were united to the French  
 Kmpiiv, and Rnjw was declared an Imperial city. I  
 will n<>t stop to inquire \\hefher this was jjoo<l  
 or bad in point of policy, but it was a mean  
 usurpation on the part of Napoleon, fur the time  
 was passed when a rfulius II. laid down the krysf  
 St. Peter and t<>ok up the sword of St. Paul. It.  
 was. {resides, ;ut inju.stin<sup>4</sup>, and, con-

i The irr<>>:it battle of Wa^ram wan fnu^hl \*,J fhe Hth nf Jttlv,  
 IHoi\*. Tl»e Atistrrians, who committed a mistake ju  
 over•fxti'iilini; Utesr line. Jost 'O^KHJ men as j>risoners,  
 besides a laix<sup>ft</sup> numlirr in killed an«I \v«iun<li'«I, Tliere was no  
 day, perha{s, on wliieh Napoleon Hhow« d ui<>re military  
 r'\*)|>jISH or more personal eoura^e. He wan in the holten of  
 the fi "Iif, and for a loti^ tiui\*^ exposed to Hhowern of ^rape-  
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